

**Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Nixon**

To the Editor:

To any serious student of history, Franklin R. Gannon's comparison of Richard Nixon to Abraham Lincoln [Op-Ed Feb. 12] must rate as one of the most ludicrous political analogies since the erstwhile comparison of the perils of Richard Nixon to the sufferings of Jesus Christ.

Would Mr. Gannon also care to offer a comparison of Mr. Lincoln's stated intention at the close of the Civil War to bind up the nation's wounds "with malice toward none, with charity for all . . ." with Mr. Nixon's response to the requests for amnesty for the young men of America when he said that we cannot provide forgiveness for them?

In addition to that glaring omission, Mr. Gannon confounds all logic by attempting to have his readers conclude that Mr. Nixon's unpopularity, in the first place, is the result of doing his own thinking. Well, if this be true, let us get on with the impeachment proceedings, for then Mr. Nixon is definitely behind the illegalities to which his Administration has been incontrovertibly linked.

In the second place, Mr. Nixon's unpopularity has arisen not because he has had the courage of his convictions and has boldly and fearlessly expressed them, as Mr. Gannon would have us believe. Quite the contrary. He has made every attempt to evade the issues and to circumvent the judicial processes of this country to which every citizen is subject, even the President.

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**The Darkening**

To the Editor:

Now, in the sixth year of the Administrations of Richard Nixon, the lights have begun to go out all over America.

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